The Government of India through the Coffee Board is implementing a scheme on 'Market Promotion', under which various programmes are implemented for increasing domestic consumpion. These include training courses, participation in national festivals and exhibitions, establishment of a high technology roasting & packaging facility by the Coffee Board and promotion of sales through promotional units of the Board. Further, the Government is conducting the 'Kaapi Shastra Programme' for providing technical training in the art of retailing coffee to interested entrepreneurs in different locations of the country through the Coffee Board.

Resolution of issues in the WTO

2735. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India withdrew from the mini ministerial level conference of WTO held recently in Geneva;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any efforts are being made by various interests to come to a compromise on the issue, concerning the developed and the developing countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) All WTO Members, including India, are presently reflecting upon how to enable the resumption of the suspended negotiations under the Doha Work Programme. In order to ensure that the WTO negotiating process and the outcome of the Doha Work Programme embody the development imperatives of developing countries articulated in the Doha Ministerial Declaration, the July 2004 Framework Agreement of 1 August 2004 and the Hong Kong Ministerial Declaration of December 2005, India has intensified its outreach to other developing countries, like-minded Members of the WTO and the trade majors. The Government has also engaged in consultations with stakeholders in order to evolve its position

and strategy in the negotiations so as to safeguard India's interests and concerns across all areas of the Doha Work Programme.

Industrial backward areas in Rajasthan

2736. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified 'industrial backward areas', in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to formulate any action plan for the development of such backward areas;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what specific steps are being taken by Government for their development?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue has notified, for the purposes of income tax exemption, a list of industrially backward districts in the country under the Income Tax Act wherein Jalore, Barmer, Jaisalmer, Churu and Banswara districts have been specified in Category 'A' and Dungarpur, Dholpur, Sawai Madhopur, Tonk, Nagaur, Jhalawar and Sikar Districts in Category 'B' of industrially backward districts in the State of Rajasthan.

(c) to (e) Concerted efforts are being made by State and Central Governments for development of backward areas under various schemes *inter-alia* providing for fiscal concessions, improved industrial infrastructure and a conducive investment climate for setting up of industries. Under the various schemes being operated by the Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion for industrial development, 5 proposals under the Growth Centre Scheme, one proposal under the Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme and 42 Proposals under the Industrial Park Scheme have been approved for the State of Rajasthan.